

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3523 - SB 3407**

February 3, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Defines "covered file-sharing program." Adds, as an unfair or deceptive act or practice under the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977, the installation of, offering for installation, or making available for installation or download a covered file-sharing program on a computer that is not owned by the person who installs, offers for, or makes available for installation or download without prior notice that all files will be available to the public without affirmative action by the owner of the computer.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue - Not Significant**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- Violations of the Tennessee Consumer Protection Act of 1977 are punishable through civil penalties, private rights of action, and as a Class B misdemeanor.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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